IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph on Page 15 beginning on line 5 as follows:

In the discharge sustain period, sustain pulses with alternating polarity are applied across the scan electrodes 19a and the sustain electrodes 19b ~~with alternating polarity~~, causing a discharge to occur in the discharge cells where the wall charge has accumulated, and light to be emitted for a predetermined period.

Please amend the paragraph on Page 35 beginning on line 20 as follows:

In the second embodiment, the features of the ~~sustain~~ pulses which are ~~applied across~~ formed between the scan electrode group 19a and the sustain electrode group 19b are the same as the first embodiment.

Please amend the paragraph on Page 36 beginning on line 2 as follows:

However, the second embodiment differs with the first embodiment in the following point. The first embodiment describes the case where a voltage is applied to only one of the electrode groups 19a and 19b at a time, in other words a voltage is not applied to the sustain electrode group 19b while a sustain pulse is being applied to the sustain electrode group 19a, and a voltage is not applied to the scan electrode group 19a while a sustain pulse is being applied to electrode group 19b. In the second embodiment, on the other hand, ~~pulses are applied to both of the scan electrode group 19a and the sustain electrode group 19b at the same time~~ a sustain pulse is applied to one of the scan electrode group 19a and the sustain electrode group 19b while a pulse of the same polarity as the sustain pulse is applied to the other one of the scan electrode group 19a and the sustain electrode group 19b, and the applied pulses are combined to form ~~an opposite polarity pulse and sustain pulse the pulses~~ the pulses having the above features between the scan electrode group 19a and the sustain electrode group 19b.